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A MEETING AT QUÉBEC

During May, the French Colonial Historical Society held its 11th annual meeting in Québec. The conference was particularly interesting for historians of cartography, since Québec institutions in general, and the Université Laval in particular (where the conference was held) have been encouraging many historical projects involving the use of maps. Of the ten sessions, indeed, two were directly concerned with cartography. Session I dealt with the French place-names of North America, and included among its eight papers, three by members of the Commission de Toponymie du Québec. This body is in the process of publishing a series of guides to the place-names of the Québec area, often using the evidence of early maps. Papers like the one on "La toponymie du Saguenay au début du XVIIIe siècle" were full of ideas and techniques which might well be applied to other parts of North America.

Session II also contained some stimulating papers, including an analysis of the work of Jacques Nicolas Bellin in North America (Garant), a comparative analysis of French and British mapping in Canada (Boudreau), and a close examination of the southern coastline of Hudson's Strait between 1600 and 1900 (Robitaille). In the same session, Professor Peyser of Indiana University presented fresh evidence for the siting of the 1730 Fox Fort, and we hope to reproduce some of his maps in the next issue of *Mapline*.

All in all, it was a very stimulating meeting, remarkable for the way in which so many of the participants were alive to the possibilities offered by the cartographic evidence. Perhaps those of us who belong to similar societies ought more systematically to work out sessions or papers which would make equally effective use of maps.

View of the city of Québec about 1721



The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography

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The Center was founded in 1972 at The Newberry Library to promote the study of the history of cartography through research projects, fellowships, courses of instruction, and publications. Further information is available on request.

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This plan, now preserved in the Ayer Collection, is a very early proposal for fortifying Québec City. It was sent back to Paris in August 1663 by governor Pierre Dubois d'Avaugour, with his "Mémoire sur la colonie de Québec. . . ." The outline of the city-walls to the bottom, right and top of this sketch did not change much, but the stepped wall on the left was never built, and on this side the fortifications were eventually constructed to take in much more land.

This little plan seems so far to have escaped the attention of the historians.

Map Society of British Columbia

A motion presented at the March meeting of the Historical Map Society of British Columbia, and passed by a vote of five to two, was to drop the word "Historical" from the Society's name to better reflect the scope of its interests. Recent acquisitions by members, however, include facsimiles of a 1644 castle plan from Japan and a London subdivision map of 1694, a 1864 Japanese woodblock travel map printed on rice paper, and several nineteenth-century exploring expedition and boundary maps of British Columbia.

The Society held two April meetings. The first, on the ninth, featured the display of a collection of surveying tools, books, maps, and ephemera by Mr. Sobbie, and the second, 14 April, was held at the Butler Galleries about the history of printing methods. The address for Map Society of British Columbia is 3794 W. 24th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6S 1L6, Canada.



View of the city of Québec about 1721

The Ayer Collection

WINNIPEG CONFERENCES

The Association of Canadian Map Libraries held their nineteenth Annual Conference from 3 June to 7 June 1985 at St. John's College, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. The theme of this conference, "Mapping the Prairies," was examined through several papers in separate sessions. Participants in the first session were Richard Ruggles, Queens University, on "Hudson's Bay Company Mapping" and Thomas Weir, University of Manitoba, about the "Atlas of Manitoba - An Experience in Problem Solving." The second session had "Indian Maps in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives" by Judith Beattie, Provincial Archives of Manitoba, and "Indian Map-making; Two Examples from the Fur Trade West" by D. Wayne Moodie, University of Manitoba. In addition, the third session presented "The Canadian West Discovered. Preparation of an Exhibition Catalogue" by Mary Javorski, Okanagan Regional Library, B.C. and "The Mapping of Manitoba at the One Million Scale" by Sid Hanson, Manitoba Department of Natural Resources.

Map library activity continued in Winnipeg with The Geography and Map Division of the Special Libraries Association's program for the S.L.A. 76th Annual Conference following on 9 to 13 June 1985. There was a Division Contributed Papers/Research in Progress session chaired by Marsha Selmer, which included: "Mapped Information: An Historical Overview of Map Content" by Muriel Strickland, San Diego State University; "Maps of Ireland in the Collections of the Geography & Map Division of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C." by Patrick Dempsey, Library of Congress; "Rufus Blanchard" and "Directory of Nineteenth Century Chicago Map Makers" by Marsha Selmer, University of Illinois at Chicago.

IMCoS

Sea charts are the theme of the 1985 annual symposium, map fair, and exhibition of the International Map Collectors' Society. Preceded by a river Thames cruise from Charing Cross pier to Greenwich, the symposium will be introduced by Valerie Scott, Editor of *The Map Collector*. The speakers on Saturday, 22 June, will be Christopher Terrell, whose topic is "The Anatomy of a Sea Chart," Susanna Fisher, "The Era of 'Blueback'," and Jenny Wetton, about "The National Maritime Museum Collections." On Sunday, 23 June, the map fair and exhibition of portolans will be held at the Forum Hotel, London.

Kenneth Nebenzahl has been appointed IMCoS representative for USA (Central). The IMCoS International Symposium is planned to be held in Chicago in 1988.

MAGERT

Robert W. Karrow, Jr. will be moderator of the MAGERT session on "Historical Mapping of the United States" at the annual conference of the American Library Association. To be held in Chicago on Saturday, 6 July 1985, the speakers of the session are Michael Edmonds of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin about "Increase A. Lapham and the Mapping of Wisconsin," Michael Conzen from the University of Chicago, "County Atlases," and David Buisseret, The Newberry Library, on "Early Mapping of the Gulf Coast."

Indexers Needed

An index to all maps in the U.S. Congressional Serial Set, documents and reports of the U.S. House and Senate beginning with the American State Papers and continuing through 1969, has been planned. Donna Koepp of the Denver Public Library is heading the project, which will be published by Oryx Press. As editor, Ms. Koepp is recruiting a team of individuals who will select a period of time for which they will contribute indexes for maps in the Serial Set. These individuals will be listed as contributing editors in the published text. After the guidelines are established and the index is designed, it is expected that the project will run about two and one-half years, with publication in late 1987.

To volunteer for the project, write Donna Koepp, Map Specialist, Government Publications Department, Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, or call 303-571-2130.

NACIS V Call for Papers

A call for papers for presentation at NACIS V, 10-13 November 1985, has been made, and papers pertaining to the history of cartography within the theme "Images of the Earth" are welcome. The broad area of historical map information has also been encouraged as appropriate for poster presentations or workshops. The deadline for submitting abstracts of papers (not to exceed three hundred words) or poster proposals is 1 July 1985. Direct submissions and inquiries to: Ruth Anderson Rowles, NACIS Program Chairperson, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027.

This fifth annual meeting of NACIS will immediately follow the Nebenzahl Lectures, sponsored by The Newberry Library, and will be held at the Holiday Inn—Chicago in Skokie, Illinois. For general information about the Society, contact NACIS, 143 Science Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706.

Map Talk by Sir Walter Raleigh



Photography by F. Peter Weil

Therefore the fictions (or let them be called coniectures) painted in Maps, doe serve only to mislead such discoverers as rashly beleeeve them; drawing upon the publishers, either some angry curses, or well deserved scorn; but, to keepe their owne credit, they cannot serve alwaies. To which purpose I remember a prety iest of *Don Pedro de Sarmiento*, a worthy *Spanish Gentleman*, who had beene employed by his King in planting a Colony upon the Streights of *Magellan*: for when I asked him, being then my Prisoner, some question about an Island in those Streights, which, mee thought, might have done either benefit or displeasure to his enterprise, he told me merrily, that it was to be called the *Painter's wives Island*; saying, That whilst the fellow drew that Map, his wife sitting by, desired to put in one Countrey for her; that she, in imagination, might have an Island of her owne. But in filling up the blankes of old Histories, wee need not be so scrupulous. For it is not to be feared, that time should runne backward, and by restoring the things themselves to knowledge, make our coniectures appeare ridiculous.

Walter Raleigh, *The History of the World*, Pt. 1, Bk. 2, ch. xxiii, sec. 4, quoted from the edition of London, 1614.

Contributed by Florence Sandler
Newberry Library Fellow
from the University of Puget Sound

The Chicago Map Society



"The History of the Tools and Techniques of Printmaking" was the title of a talk presented at the March meeting of the Chicago Map Society by Allen Gavin, professor of art at Chicago State University. Illustrating his talk with slides and actual examples, Gavin's discourse also included art and design elements of different historical periods.

On 18 April, Gordon Carlson, editor of 'World Newsmap of the Week' explained how producing the weekly newsmap for school children is done. 'World Newsmap of the Week' is sent to about ten thousand high schools and has been in existence for forty-seven years.

The May meeting of CMS (and last one of the year) featured Richard Corbett's presentation, "The Origins of the Federal Land Survey System: A Bicentennial View." Mr. Corbett is Secretary-Treasurer of the Southern Lake Michigan Section-ACSM.

For further information about the Chicago Map Society, please write or call the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center at The Newberry Library.

Commemoration of 1785 Land Ordinance

The program of the joint meeting of the Western Great Lakes Region, American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, and the Southern Lake Michigan Section, American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, commemorated the two hundredth anniversary of the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the beginning of public land surveying. The meeting, which was held 19 April 1985 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, included "Historical Significance of the PLSS" by Leslie Van Horn, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and "One Person's Views of the Evolution and Future of North American Land Systems" by James L. Clapp, University of Wisconsin, Madison. More information about SLM-ACSM is available from Dick Corbett, Secretary-Treasurer, 334 W. Crystall Street, Mundelein, IL 60060.

Maps and the Chicago Area Landscape

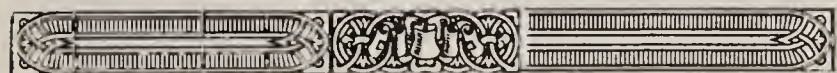
A series of morning lectures and afternoon workshops entitled "History on the Ground: Maps and the study of the Landscape" was presented at the Newberry Library this past spring under the aegis of the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography. The series was funded in part by the Illinois Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities and was well attended by members of local historical societies and libraries, the Chicago Map Society, and the Chicago Maritime Society.

The morning lectures were developed to define the concept of landscape history and to discuss the settlement of Chicago to a general audience. Lecture topics included "The Flora and Fauna of the Chicago Area before the Europeans," "The Pattern of Indian Occupation of the Chicago Area," "The General Pattern of European Settlement and the Emergent Communication Network," and "The Agricultural and Industrial Processes of the European Settlers."

The afternoon workshops, given to a smaller audience, were designed to have the participants learn more about the origins and use of maps in compiling a community history. The General Land Office maps of 1831, Rees of 1851, Flower of 1862, Union Atlas of 1876, Synder of 1890 and Mitchell of 1902 were shown as examples to interpret the vegetation and European settlement of the metropolitan Chicago area. Specific examples using these maps included the historical interpretation of Palos Township and of the villages of Itasca and Skokie. In addition, the participants in the afternoon workshops were able to view the map collections at the Newberry Library and the Chicago Historical Society at the last session.

The series "History on the Ground" has sparked an interest in the discovery of an abundant source of historical information available on maps. The Skokie Historical Society has recently developed a program for Junior High School Students called "Pathfinder: Using Landmarks." The students learn to locate the town's historical markers on the pathways they take to school. Other plans are being developed to provide the series "History on the Ground" for the Fox River Valley Area and to publish a facsimile of the General Land Office and Rees maps.

Tina Reithmeier



Under the auspices of The Society of Saint Brendan, the first International Brendan Conference will be held at Trinity College, Dublin and then in County Kerry, Ireland. The aim of this conference is to bring together a wide cross-section of people who share an interest in Atlantic history and culture, with special reference to Saint Brendan the Navigator. For further information, please contact:

Brendan Conference Organizing Committee
c/o Boole Press Limited
P.O. Box 5, 51 Sandycove Road
Duñ Laoghaire
County Dublin, Ireland

The Map Collector and the International Map Collectors' Society plan to publish a pocket-sized international directory of dealers at the end of 1985. The list will be amended annually by supplement. If you would like a free entry in the directory, please complete an information sheet which is available from the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center at the Newberry Library, or from *The Map Collector*, 48 High Street, Tring, Herts HP23 5BL, United Kingdom.

An exhibition of antiquarian maps, "The Mirror of the World" is on display at the Map Gallery of the British Library where it will remain until December. Although originally shown in 1983, some new items, including maps relating to Christopher Saxton, Gerard van Keulen, and William Smith, have been added.

The Map Library has recently been designated the archive for remote sensing material relating to the United Kingdom. An enquiry service is available there to readers upon application at the Student's Room.

Rand McNally & Company has entered the computer-assisted learning field with three programs to help children develop geographic knowledge and map reading skills. *Unlocking the Map Code* and *Time and Seasons* examine time and locational concepts through games. The third, *Choice or Chance?* is a program which deals with the explorations of DeSoto, Cartier, Raleigh, and Hudson and the general topics of westward expansion. The exploration section introduces the students to the routes and their challenges, while the westward expansion section takes a traveller along the Santa Fe trail. Information is available from Rand McNally & Company, P.O. Box 7600, Chicago, IL 60680.



Comberford Map, 1657
Photograph Courtesy of NYPL

NEW WORLD VOYAGES

The New York Public Library will hold the exhibition "New World Voyages" this summer from 22 June to 20 August. Organized to commemorate the four hundredth anniversary of Raleigh's Roanoke voyages, it was first shown at the British Library in April 1984, and then at the North Carolina Museum of History this spring. The exhibition at the New York Public Library has been expanded beyond the original scope of Raleigh and Roanoke to include other important Elizabethan voyagers. The Library will add approximately fifty items from its holdings of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century exploration and travel material.

A copy, one of six known, of Harriot's *A Briefe and True Report of the new found land of Virginia*, the first printed English book giving an eyewitness account of North America, will be on display. The artist John

White was sent by Raleigh along with the young scientist and mathematician Thomas Harriot to document the findings in the new world. Published with Harriot's text were elaborate engravings by Theodor de Bry, made after John White's originals, which showed the Indians in their natural landscape. It was used to attract recruits for Raleigh's subsequent ventures.

Also featured in the exhibition from the NYPL's collections is the seventeenth-century Comberford Map, considered the first map of North Carolina. It shows the Outer Banks in color and a portion of Dare County including Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, and Roanoke Island. This map, made in London in 1657, was acquired by the Lenox Library in 1895.

For information about the exhibit and related public programs in June, call 212-930-0855.

C a l e n d a r

16 May - 19 August 1985

"Celestial Images: Astronomical Charts, 1500-1900." An exhibition of about thirty charts at the Dibner Library Gallery, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

6 June - 30 October 1985

"The Discovery of the World - Maps of the Earth and the Cosmos," an exhibition drawn from the David Macdonald Stewart Collection, is being presented by the Lake St. Louis Historical Society. The Old Fort, Saint-Helen's Island, Montréal, Québec. 514-861-6701.

8 June 1985

"The Mapping of Lithuania" by Dalia Varanka. New York Map Society meeting, 10:00 a.m.

15 June to 15 July 1985

"The art of map-making: Dutch cartography from the Middle Ages to the Industrial Revolution" to be exhibited at the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center Gallery, The Newberry Library.

22-23 June 1985

The 1985 International Map Collectors' Symposium at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London, England.

8-12 July 1985

The Eleventh International Conference on the History of Cartography, at the Public Archives of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario. For information, write Edward H. Dahl, Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington, Ottawa K1A 0N3 Canada.

8-14 September 1985

The First International Brendan Conference to be held at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

5 October 1985

"Old Maps - Materials, Error, and Beauty" by Dr. Heinz N. Roth, New York Map Society meeting, 11:00 a.m., at The American Museum of Natural History, New York.

7-9 November 1985

"Monarchs, Ministers and Maps: the Emergence of Cartography as a Tool of Government in Early Modern Europe," the eighth series of Kenneth Nebenzahl, Jr. Lectures in the History of Cartography, will be held at The Newberry Library.

8 November 1985 - 30 April 1986

"Charting the Pacific Basin, 1768-1842." Curators Gary Fitzpatrick and James Flatness present an exhibition at the Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division, Washington D.C.

10-13 November 1985

North American Cartographic Information Society (NACIS) fifth annual meeting at the Holiday Inn-Chicago in Skokie, Illinois. Further information available from: Ruth Rowles, NACIS Program Chair, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, 40506-0027. 608-262-6850.

14-15 November 1985

"Men of Greatness, Feats of Daring" symposium and exhibit opens at the Natural History Building, Smithsonian Institution. Washington D.C. For more information, write Dr. Herman J. Viola, Director, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20408.

15-16 November 1985

The Society for the History of Discoveries annual meeting in Washington, D.C. For information, write: Dr. John A. Wolter, Program Chairman, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20408 202-287-8530.

December 1985

Deadline to submit one page summaries of papers about globes for the Coronelli Society Symposium to be held mid-September in Amsterdam. Official languages are English and German, but contributions in French will be accepted. Coronelli Gesellschaft, Schwindgasse 6, Postfach 68, A-1041 Wien, Austria.

7 December 1985

"Maps, Monks, Myths" by Gwendolyn Barkley. New York Map Society meeting at 11:00 a.m. at The American Museum of Natural History, New York.

Recent Publications

Technological Transition in Cartography / Mark Monmonier. Madison, Wisconsin : The University of Wisconsin Press, 1985. 282 p. Illustrations. Notes. Glossary. ISBN 0-299-10070-7.

Through the examination of five major themes of mapping application—navigation, boundaries and surveys, aerial reconnaissance and land cover inventories, decision support systems, and map publishing—Mark Monmonier identifies the task or purpose of cartography in each context and concisely discusses historical treatments of the problems and developments of solutions, from ancient to modern times. This summary of progress serves as the background to the book's main concern, which calls attention to the need for effective cartographic policies in light of the wealth of technological innovation resulting from the investment in cartography by many disciplines with only peripheral interests in mapping.

Bibliographie zur Geschichte der deutschen Kartographie / Lothar Zögner and Evelyn Schulte. München, New York, Paris : K. G. Saur, 1984. 267 p. DM56.— ISBN 3-598-20623-2.

Von Ptolemaeus bis Humbolt. Kartenschätze der Staatsbibliothek Preussischer Kulturbesitz. Ausstellung zum 125 jährigen Jubiläum der Kartenabteilung/ Ausstellung und Katalog: Lothar Zögner. Weissenhorn : Konrad 1984/85. 168p. 100 illustrations 36 color plates ISBN 3-87437-218-9. Bound copies are priced at DM68. and paperback are DM35.

For sale from A.H. Konrad, Schulstr. 5, D-17912 Weissenhorn/Ulm, West Germany. Bound copies are priced at DM68. and paperback are DM35.



The latest offerings from Speculum Orbis Press of Chicago continue their series of high-quality facsimiles of early maps showing the New World (see *Maplines* 30/31, 34). Number three in the New World Series is the world map by Martin Waldseemüller from his 1513 edition of Ptolemy (Shirley 35), and number four is the 1520 world map, on a modified cordiform projection, by Peter Apian (Shirley 45). Both of these are woodcut maps, and the SOP facsimiles are faithful reproductions, hand printed by Bruce Beck of the Turtle Press in Evanston, Illinois. The handmade paper is from the Twinrocker Mill in Indiana, and the date of manufacture is part of the watermark. Each map is accompanied by a large-format monograph of twelve pages. The next map in the New World Series will be the Finé double-cordiform world map of 1531 (Shirley 66).

In a separate project, SOP has also reproduced, as a decorative wall map, the double hemisphere map from de Jode's 1593 *Speculum Orbis Terrarum* (Shirley 184). This folio-sized map remains remarkably sharp at the reproduction size of almost 3x5 feet. It was printed using the collotype process by Black Box of Chicago on heavy German etching paper. Copies are available in black and white or hand-colored in the style of originals; custom framing is also available. For more information contact: Speculum Orbis Press, 207 W. Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

Military Publishers' Designations, compiled by Graham Webster, contains listings of British military publishers' designations that appeared on maps, together with explanations of the meaning of these abbreviations, datings and other comments. It is the second Map Curator's Group of The British Cartographic Society publication and is available from:

Mr. Campbell Ballantyne
Survey and Production Control No. 2
Ordnance Survey
Romsey Road
Southampton SO9 4DH

The price is £1.50, including postage, outside the United Kingdom and Eire.

Limited Edition reconstructions of the *Escalante Expedition map of 1776-78*, which gave details about the natural and cultural landscape of a portion of what is now New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona, including Great Salt Lake, and the Grand Canyon area, are available. Each is hand water-colored; notations and comments are translated into English. It is available from Cartographer, Ink at 10019 Fairfax Court N.W., Albuquerque, NM 87114.